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not voting, 8 excused and not voting, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: LB 333A is passed. Mr. Clerk, LB 17.

ASSISTANT CLERK: Mr. President, with respect to Legislative Bill 17, I do have a motion on the bill. Senator Coordsen would move to return LB 17 to Select File for specific amendment. The amendment is AM0617. (See page 828 of the Legislative Journal.)

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN PRESIDING

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Coordsen, you're recognized to open on your motion to return.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the body, and I would indicate to Senator Jensen that I will share with him sufficient time of this opening to indicate his position on the amendment. When LB 17 was part of a three-bill package that was heard by Health and Human Services Committee in the area of medical records and how patients went about getting their medical records from the gatekeeper and what they paid for them, Health and Human Services Committee took what they believe to be the better ideas out of the three bills and put them together in a committee amendment that we adopted on General File, became LB 17. Over the course of time, there were some...some of the problems that were identified were conflicts, primarily, and some language that was redundant that resulted from the mergers of the bills and that sort of thing. So I would tell you that this is the amendment that I told you on Select File that we'd be working, Senator Jensen and I, together on. We've done that. This amendment that we're proposing this...or will be proposing if you're so kind as to return the bill to Select File, it cleans up the bill, rewrites sections for clarity reasons, harmonizing some language. There's no substantive changes in the bill brought about by this. In Section 3 of the Final Reading copy, subsection (1) requests an authorization shall be in writing and shall be valid for 180 days after the date of execution by the patient, and that replaces the language in the bill that says date of delivery to provider and then it changes some language with respect to the number of copies, pertains...change...makes some changes pertaining to the examination of medical records, and deletes